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Population, Income, Food Insecurity, Education, and Employment

Population		Rural*	Urban*	Total
Year				
1980		45,582,560	180,959,644	226,542,204
1990		44,769,175	203,940,698	248,709,873
2000		48,841,966	232,579,940	281,421,906
2010		51,044,403	257,703,105	308,747,508
2012		51,068,669	262,845,371	313,914,040

More information on population in United States

- [County-level Population Data](#)
- [Rural Population and Migration Topic Page](#)
- Contact [John Cromartie](#), 202-694-5421.

Income		Rural*	Urban*	Total
	Per-capita income (2011 dollars)			
	2010	32,519	42,733	41,046
	2011	33,247	43,191	41,560
	Percent change	2.2	1.1	1.3
	Earnings per job (2011 dollars)			
	2010	39,050	56,362	53,818
	2011	39,604	56,193	53,767
	Percent change	1.4	-0.3	-0.1
	Poverty rate (percent)			
	1979	15.9	11.6	12.4
	1989	17.3	12.2	13.1
	1999	14.8	11.9	12.4
	Poverty rate, latest model-based estimates (percent)			
	2011	18.3	15.5	15.9

More information on poverty rates in United States

- [County-level Poverty Data](#)
- [Rural Poverty & Well-being Topic Page](#)
- See important notes about [decennial and model-based intercensal poverty estimates](#)
- Contact [Tracey Farrigan](#), 202-694-5489

Household-level Food Insecurity and Very Low Food Security		2003-05 avg.	2006-08 avg.	2009-11 avg.
	Percent			
	Food insecure households	11.4	12.2	14.7
	Very low food secure households	3.8	4.6	5.6

More information on Food Insecurity in United States

- [Food Security in the U.S. Topic Page](#)

- [Definitions of Food Insecurity and Very Low Food Security](#)
- Comparisons of prevalence rates of food insecurity between States must take account of the margins of error, which are sizeable for many States. Margins of error are published along with State prevalence rates in each year's *Household Food Security in the United States* report.
- Contact [Alisha Coleman-Jensen](#), 202-694-5456.

Education (Persons 25 and older)		Rural*	Urban*	Total
	Not completing high school			
	1980	41.8	31.6	33.5
	1990	31.4	23.3	24.8
	2000	23.5	18.8	19.6
	2007-2011	16.9	14.1	14.6
	Completing high school only			
	1980	35.0	34.4	34.6
	1990	35.2	28.9	30.0
	2000	35.9	27.1	28.6
	2007-2011	36.5	27.0	28.6
	Completing some college			
	1980	12.4	16.4	15.7
	1990	21.0	25.8	24.9
	2000	25.5	27.8	27.4
	2007-2011	28.8	28.5	28.6
	Completing college			
	1980	10.6	17.6	16.2
	1990	12.4	22.1	20.3
	2000	15.1	26.4	24.4
	2007-2011	17.8	30.3	28.2

More information on education in United States

- [County-level Education Data](#)
- [Rural Employment & Education Topic page](#)
- Contact [Alexander Marré](#), 202-694-5338

Employment		Rural*	Urban*	Total
	Total jobs (number)			
	2010	25,512,164	148,114,536	173,626,700
	2011	25,713,965	150,120,735	175,834,700
	Employment change (percent)			
	2008-2009	-3.6	-3.7	-3.6
	2009-2010	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
	2010-2011	0.6	0.9	0.9
	Unemployment rate (percent)			
	2010	9.2	9.7	9.6
	2011	8.4	9.0	8.9

More information on unemployment rates in United States

- [County-level Unemployment Data](#)
- [Rural Employment & Education Topic page](#)
- Contact [Lorin Kusmin](#), 202-694-5429.

* The terms “rural” and “urban” here refer to data for nonmetro and metro areas, a county-level classification defined by the Office of Management and Budget. We use the June 2003 version of nonmetro and metro areas because it reflects conditions at the beginning of the decade. See [What is Rural?](#) for a discussion of differences between metro-nonmetro categories and the Census Bureau’s rural-urban classification.

Organic Agriculture

Organic agriculture	2006	2007	2008
Certified operations (number)	9,501	11,367	12,941
Crops (acres)	1,885,904	2,285,643	2,655,382
Pasture & rangeland (acres)	1,051,569	2,005,040	2,160,577
Total (acres)	2,937,473	4,290,684	4,815,959

More information on organic agriculture in United States

- [Organic Production Data](#)
- [Organic Agriculture Topic Page](#)
- Contact [Catherine Greene](#), 202-694-5541.

Farm Characteristics

Census of Agriculture	1997	2002	2007
Approximate total land area (acres)	2,262,462,020	2,263,960,501	2,260,994,361
Farmland (acres)	954,752,502	938,279,056	922,095,840
Farmland in total land area (percent)	42.2	41.4	40.8
Cropland (acres)	445,324,765	434,164,946	406,424,909
Cropland in farmland (percent)	46.6	46.3	44.1
Cropland in pasture (percent)	14.9	13.9	8.8
Cropland irrigated (percent)	11.5	11.6	12.7
Harvested cropland (acres)	318,937,401	302,697,252	309,607,601
Woodland (acres)	76,854,833	75,878,213	75,098,603
Woodland in farmland (percent)	8.0	8.1	8.1
Woodland in pasture (percent)	40.4	41.0	38.1
Pastureland (acres)	398,232,125	395,278,829	408,832,116
Pastureland in farmland (percent)	41.7	42.1	44.3
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (acres)	34,340,781	32,957,068	31,740,212
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. in farmland (percent of total farms)	3.6	3.5	3.4
Conservation practices			
Farmland in conservation or wetland reserve program (acres)	31,901,955	32,723,967	38,547,450
Average farm size (acres)	431	441	418
Farms by size (percent of total farms)			
1 to 99 acres	49.2	51.0	54.4
100 to 499 acres	34.7	33.1	31.0
500 to 999 acres	8.1	7.6	6.8
1000 to 1,999 acres	4.6	4.7	4.2

2000 or more acres	3.4	3.7	3.6
Farms by sales (percent of total farms)			
Less than \$9,999	55.3	59.3	59.8
\$10,000 to \$49,999	21.4	19.4	18.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7.4	6.6	5.7
\$100,000 to \$499,999	12.7	11.3	10.9
More than \$500,000	3.2	3.3	5.3
Tenure of farmers			
Full owner farms (farms)	1,384,565	1,428,136	1,522,033
Full owner farms (percent of total farms)	62.5	67.1	69.0
Part owner farms (farms)	615,902	551,004	542,192
Part owner farms (percent of total farms)	27.8	25.9	24.6
Tenant farms (farms)	215,409	149,842	140,567
Tenant farms (percent of total farms)	9.7	7.0	6.4
Farm organization			
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)	1,922,590	1,909,598	1,906,335
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (percent of total farms)	86.8	89.7	86.5
Family-held corporations (farms)	81,621	66,667	85,837
Family-held corporations (percent of total farms)	3.7	3.1	3.9
Partnerships (farms)	185,607	129,593	174,247
Partnerships (percent of total farms)	8.4	6.1	7.9
Non-family corporations (farms)	8,811	7,085	10,237
Non-family corporations (percent of total farms)	0.4	0.3	0.5
Others - cooperatives, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms)	17,247	16,039	28,136
Others - cooperatives, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (percent)	0.8	0.8	1.3
Characteristics of principal farm operators			
Average operator age (years)	54.0	55.3	57.1
Farm operators with farming as their principal occupation (percent)	47.1	57.5	45.1
Men (number)	2,006,092	1,891,163	1,898,583
Women (number)	209,784	237,819	306,209

More information on farm characteristics in United States

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

Farm Financial Indicators

Farm income and value added data		2010	2011
Farms (number)		2,192,000	2,181,000
Final crop output (1,000 dollars)		172,822,780	204,822,571

+ Final animals output (1,000 dollars)	140,886,857	164,644,151
+ Services and forestry (1,000 dollars)	39,488,441	48,584,197
= Final agricultural sector output (1,000 dollars)	353,249,606	418,050,919
- Intermediate consumption outlays (1,000 dollars)	192,322,399	217,597,908
+ Net government transactions (1,000 dollars)	929,150	-1,570,833.9
= Gross value added (1,000 dollars)	161,856,356	198,882,177
- Capital consumption (1,000 dollars)	30,696,564	32,145,562
= Net value added (1,000 dollars)	131,159,792	166,736,614
- Factor payments (1,000 dollars)	50,755,729	48,828,964
Employee compensation (total hired labor) (1,000 dollars)	23,521,720	22,620,840
Net rent received by nonoperator landlords (1,000 dollars)	12,662,881	12,334,003
Real estate and nonreal estate interest (1,000 dollars)	14,571,128	13,874,121
= Net farm income (1,000 dollars)	80,404,063	117,907,650

More information on farm income in United States

- [Farm Income and Wealth Statistics](#)
- [Farm Sector Income & Finances Topic Page](#)
- Contact [Ted Covey](#), 202-694-5344.

Top Commodities, Exports, and Counties

Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2011	Farm receipts 1,000 dollars	Farm receipts percent of state	Farm receipts percent of U.S.
1. Corn	63,874,136	17.1	
2. Cattle and calves	62,925,466	16.8	
3. Dairy products	39,532,545	10.6	
4. Soybeans	37,574,197	10.0	
5. Broilers	23,172,674	6.2	
All commodities	374,251,708		

More information on top agriculture commodities in United States

- [Leading Commodities by cash receipts](#)
- Contact [Ted Covey](#), 202-694-5344.

Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2011	Exports rank among states	Exports million dollars
1. Other products 1/		20,680.6
2. Soybeans		17,563.2
3. Corn		13,671.9

4. Wheat		11,146.8
5. Cotton		8,467.5
Total exports		136,374.4

1/ Other products include live animals, other meats, animal parts, eggs, wine, beer, other beverages, coffee, cocoa, hops, nursery crops, pet food, inedible materials, and prepared foods.

More information on agricultural exports in United States

- [State Export Data](#) (see [errata](#))
- [U.S. Agricultural Trade Topic Page](#)
- Contact [Alberto Jerardo](#), 202-694-5266.

Top 5 counties in agricultural sales, 2007		Total receipts percent of state	Total receipts 1,000 dollars
1. Fresno County, CA		1.3	3,730,546
2. Tulare County, CA		1.1	3,335,014
3. Kern County, CA		1.1	3,204,147
4. Merced County, CA		0.8	2,330,408
5. Monterey County, CA		0.7	2,178,470
State Total			297,220,491

More information on agricultural sales in United States

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

Data Sources

- Local Area Unemployment Statistics, county data, [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).
- Current Population Survey, Food Security Supplements, 2003-2011.
- Regional Economic Information System, November 2012, [Bureau of Economic Analysis](#), U.S. Department of Commerce.
- 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010 Census of Population, [Bureau of the Census](#), U.S. Department of Commerce.
- Organic data, [USDA, Economic Research Service](#), based on information from USDA-accredited State and private organic certifiers.
- [Farm Sector Income & Finances Topic Page](#), Economic Research Service, USDA.
- [U.S. Agricultural Trade](#), Economic Research Service, USDA.
- Census of Agriculture, [National Agricultural Statistics Service](#), USDA.

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